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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR AMCIT
MURDER CASE, RABAT, MOROCCO

REF: RABAT 3322

1. CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL USE PROVIDED
REFTEL HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY LEGAL, NEA, SCS, AND SY/SAS.

UPON REVIEW, FOLLOWING TEXT IS PROPOSED:

Q. DID A MURDER OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IN FACT TAKE
PLACE IN RABAT?

A. YES.

Q. WHO WAS THE VICTIM?

A. MRS. LEE LAYTON (ADDITIONAL BIO DATA IF PRESSED):

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DOROTHY ELAINE LAYTON. MRS. LAYTON'S NEXT OF KIN HAS BEEN
NOTIFIED AND IS IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY AND LOCAL
AUTHORITIES. MRS. LAYTON WAS EMPLOYED BY THE RABAT-AMERICAN
SCHOOL AS A TEACHER; HAD BEEN IN MOROCCO APPROXIMATELY FOUR
YEARS.

Q. WHEN DID THE MURDER OCCUR?

A. IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SATURDAY, JUNE 3.

Q. HOW DID THE VICTIM DIE?

A. IT WAS A VIOLENT DEATH. AN AUTOPSY IS BEING PERFORMED

BY MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE EXACT CAUSE OF DEMISE.

Q. WHAT WERE THE EXACT CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MURDER?

A. THIS IS WHAT IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE MOROCCAN
AUTHORITIES.

Q. IS THERE A SUSPECT?

A. YES.

Q. WHO IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION?

A. CASE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE APPROPRIATE MOROCCON
JUDICIAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES: U.S. AUTHORITIES
ARE COOPERATING WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

Q. WHO ON MOROCCAN SIDE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING
THIS CASE?

A. THE SURETE NATIONALE.

Q. WHO SPECIFICALLY ON THE AMERICAN SIDE IS INVOLVED
IN THIS INVESTIGATION?

A. AS I HAVE SAID EARLIER, APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES.

Q. HAVE THERE BEEN OTHER CRIMES OR THREATS OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST AMERICANS RECENTLY?

A. NONE WHATSOEVER TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. THIS CASE SEEMS
TO BE AN ISOLATED INCIDENT INVOLVING ONLY THE VICTIM AND
THE AGGRESSOR.

2. DELETIONS FROM ORIGINAL PROPOSED TEXT WERE MADE DUE
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TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 AND AS IT
WAS FELT THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO
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